

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☒
no ☐

Property Name: Laurel Racetrack, Manager's Dwelling Inventory Number: AA-2322

Address: 3600 Laurel - Ft. Meade Road. City: Laurel Zip Code: 20724

County: Anne Arundel USGS Topographic Map: Laurel

Owner: Laurel Racing Association LP Is the property being evaluated a district? ☐ yes

Tax Parcel Number: 86 Tax Map Number: 19 Tax Account ID Number: 03593300

Project: Proposed Improvements to Laurel Racetrack Agency: District.
U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers, Baltimore

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

If the property is within a district

District Inventory Number: _____

NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☐ District Name: _____

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ Yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)

Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☒ Yes ☐ no

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Laurel Racetrack is a 231.8-acre parcel consisting of a grandstand, a paddock, a manager's dwelling, jockeys' quarters, a dirt racetrack, numerous horse stables, and other service buildings. The Managers Dwelling is eligible for the National Register under Criterion C for its architecture.

The 5x4-bay, Gothic Revival Style manager's dwelling lies west of the paddock and grandstand. Pre-dating the racetrack, it was originally a farm house on the property. It is a late-nineteenth century, two-and-a-half story house consisting of three sections. The front section has a hipped roof with two front-facing cross gables. Behind the front hipped roof section is a side-gabled, 2-bay section that predates the front portion, perhaps dating to the 1880s. A gable-roofed ell projects from this section of the house, and a small one-story shed roofed addition is attached to the ell. The front of the house has a full-width hip-roofed porch and central door with sidelights. The second story has a central opening consisting of paired two-over-two, double hung sashes capped with a segmental arch. The porch is supported by square posts and jig-sawn

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Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended ☐

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Comments: _____

Andrew Lewis
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

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Reviewer, NR Program

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balusters. Windows are typically six-over-six, double-hung. This building has three decorative brick chimneys.

Siding on the house is German horizontal siding. The siding on the rear sections of the house appears to be less refined and wider. The differences in details of the siding as well as exterior trim suggest that the house was constructed in three distinct stages, starting out as a simple I-house type farmhouse and later having an ell and then the front Gothic Revival style addition added later.

The house is not present on the 1862 Martenet Map of Prince George's County, which includes this area of Anne Arundel County, suggesting that the house was constructed sometime after the Civil War, perhaps originally in the 1870s, and then added to in the 1880s and 1890s. The house possesses a high degree of integrity of materials, design, workmanship, and feeling, having few, if any alterations from its appearance at the time of the sale of the property to the Laurel Racetrack in 1909. It is eligible for the National Register under Criterion C, for its architecture as an excellent representative of its type.

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Date Prepared: April 2004

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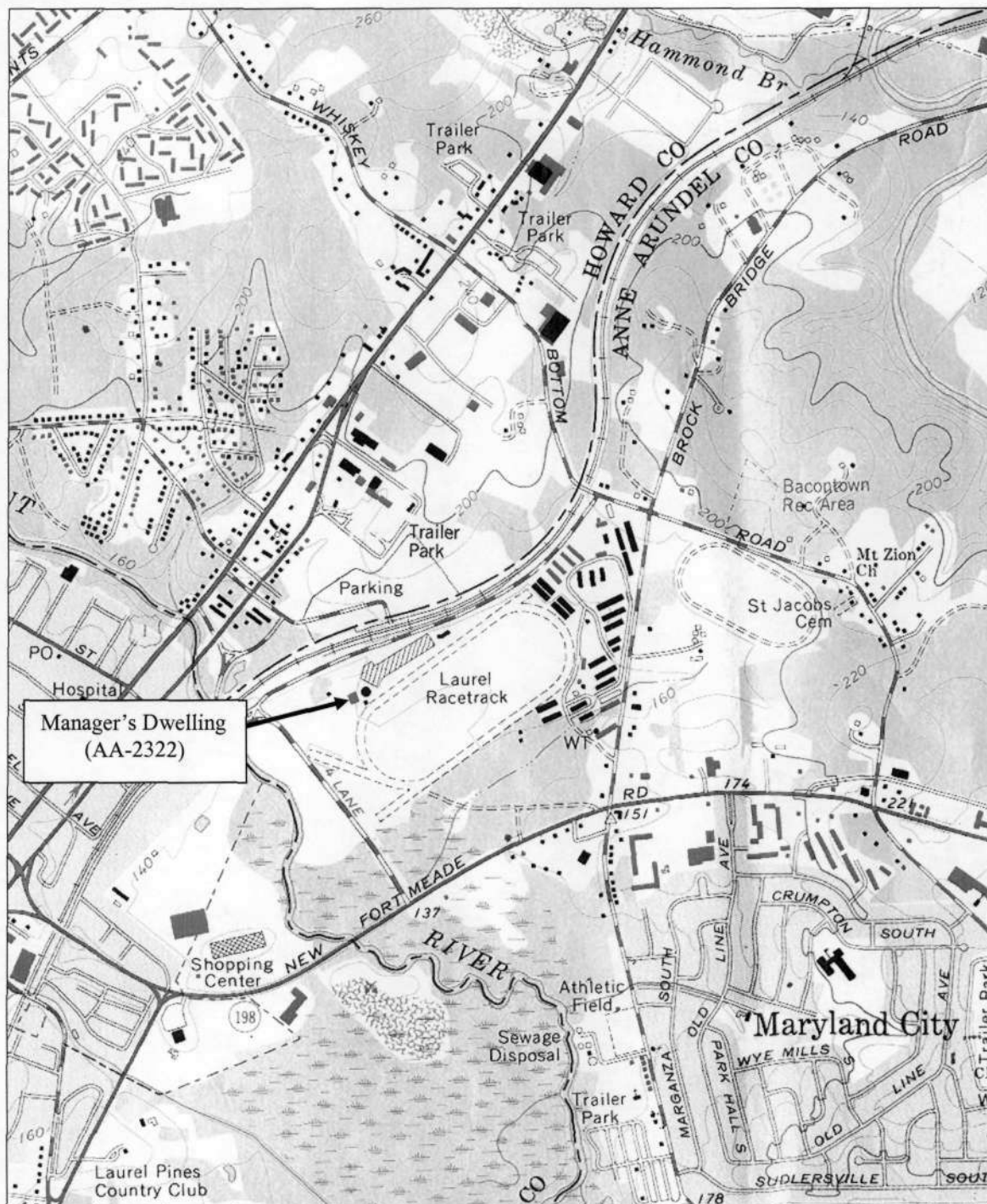


Site of Manager's House in 1862

Source: Martenet, 1862

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Location Map, Laurel Racetrack, Manager's Dwelling

Source: USGS, Laurel, MD Quadrangle

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Manager's Dwelling within general context, looking west.

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Manager's Dwelling, front facade (north elevation) and east facade,
looking Southwest

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Manager's Dwelling, rear facade (south elevation) and east facade,
looking North.

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